ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ: ഒരിക്കലും ഉണ്ടാകയില്ല.

ശ്രീ. സി. സി. പ്രസാദ്: ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഇൻഡ്യാ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നു് വല്ല നിർദ്ദേശവും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു് കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമൻ: ഇല്ല.

MECHANICAL SECTION IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

***972.** [12] **Sri. A. M. Thomas:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the Mechanical section in the State Transport Department is defective in many respects;

(*b*) whether any order has been placed outside for repairing and remodelling of State vehicles; and

(*c*) if so, for how many vehicles?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) There is considerable scope for improvement in some respects as far as the mechanical section of the Transport Department is concerned.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

But I may also state that in view of the fact that the Transport Workshop is at present being re-modelled and has been transferred to the new workshop at Papanamcode, there has been a certain amount of unsettlement owing to rehabilitation programme adopted by the Department. It has been found nacessary to get immediately certain engines reconditioned. As a result of correspondence between this Government and the Madras Government 15 engines have been set up to Madras Workshops belonging to the Transport Department and they are being reconditioned there. It is expected that these machines will be returning in the course of another 3 weeks.

Sri. A. M. Thomas:

I withdraw question No. 13.

EXPRESS BUSES

***973.** [14] **Sri. A. M. Thomas:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Communications and Agriculture be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many express buses are there in the different routes;

(*b*) is there anything to differentiate between Express buses and other ordinary buses; and

(*c*) is the Government aware that ordinary buses are often run in lieu of express buses?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) 28 buses;

(*b*) Express buses are fitted with cushion seats covered with rexine cloth, with the exception of two express luxury coaches and are painted green. The actual seating capacity is also restricted.

(*c*) When express buses are not available at the scheduled time due to either mechanical defects or for some other reason, ordinary buses in good condition are utilised instead, as an emergency measure.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: അപ്പോൾ വസൂലാക്കുന്ന ചാർജ്ജ് എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സിന്റെ ചാർജ്ജുതന്നെയാണോ?

Sri. E. John Philipose: When an ordinary bus is sent as express bus with the restriction as far as seating capacity is concerned, its charges are as for the express bus.

ശ്രീ. എ. എം. തോമസ്: എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സിനു വേണ്ടി ആർഡിനറി ബസ്സുകൾ ഇട്ടിട്ടുള്ള റൂട്ടുകളിൽ എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് ബസ്സിന്റെ ഷെഡ്യൂൾ ടൈമിനു് ആർഡിനറി ബസ്സിനു് ഓടുവാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: ഓടുവാൻ കഴിയും.

ശ്രീ. കണ്ണാറ തോപ്പാലപ്പുണിക്കർ: എക്സ്പ്രസ്സ് സർവ്വീസുകൾ ഏതെങ്കിലും ലൈനിൽനിന്നു് പിൻവലിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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